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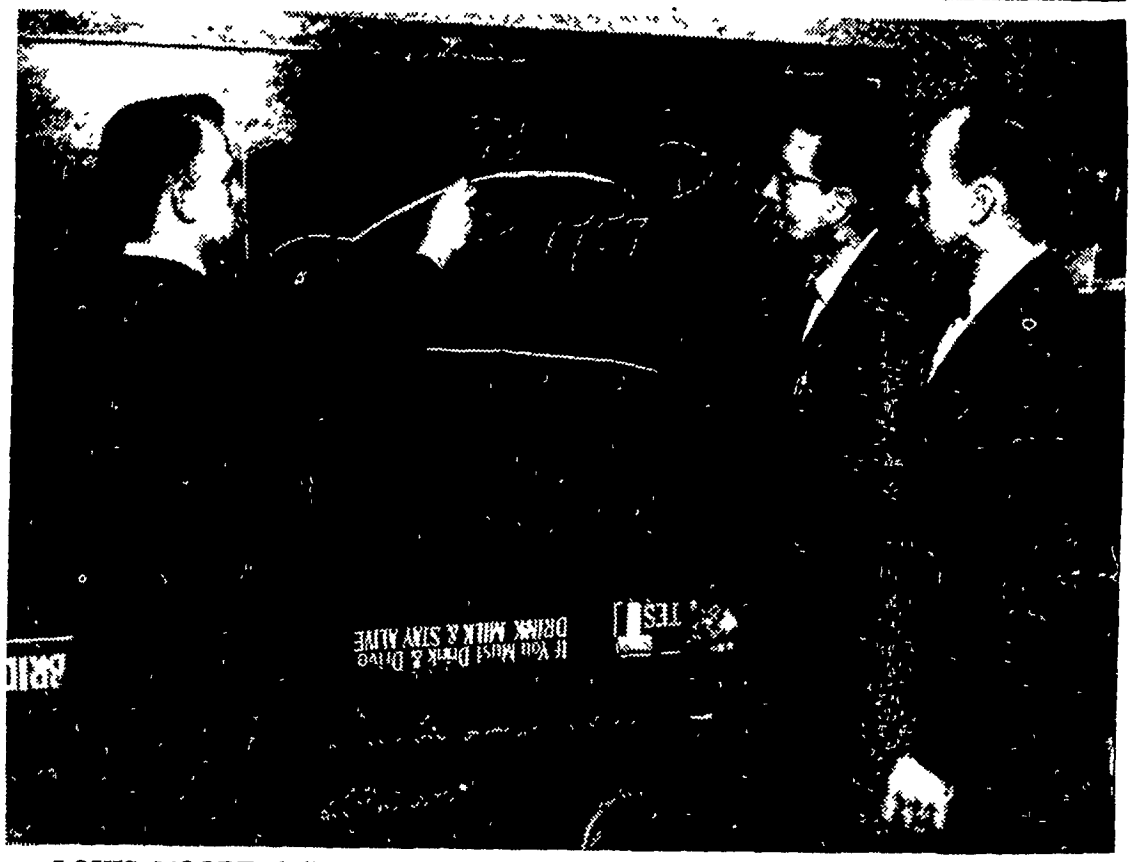
for our readers,

Merry Christmas

In this joyous season of Christiandom, the teachings of the gentle Nazerene are uppermost in hearts and minds of His followers. From the Lancaster Farming staff, our deepest wish for the joy and blessings of Christmas to remain with you and yours throughout 1959.

Peace



LOUIS MOORE, left, Penn State economist, diagrams the expected beef price trend for 1959 for Stanley Musselman, president of the Lancaster County Agricultural Council, Center, and Max Smith, county agent Moore predicts 1959 will be much the same as 1958 for most of the nation's agriculture, but with definite problems for poultry, feed and pork producers. LF PHOTO

DR. CARL BITTNER, Penn State pomologist, climbs into the top of a Lancaster County fruit tree to demonstrate proper pruning methods to an audience of county fruit growers during this week's Extension field days Dr. Bittner later spoke during the County Fruit Growers' annual meeting. LF PHOTO

Rodents and Freezing Major Orchard Threats

Dispensing down-to-earth advice on everyday orchard and vineyard care, along with various thoughts of future possibilities in fruit production, Dr. Carl Bittner, Penn State Extension fruit specialist, appeared in Lancaster county this week at two pruning demonstrations and the County Fruit Growers Assn. annual meeting.

Among the first pieces of technical advice he offered was for local orchardists to not delay in baiting their holdings for mice. "This extended cold spell is perfect weather for promoting rodent damage to trees. The scant time required to properly bait an orchard will be amply repaid," he assured his audience, Tuesday

Another point Dr. Bittner raised was delay of pruning for young trees, a practice he recommen ds for prevention of freezing and splitting in new plantings. Trimming of older apple, pear, sour cherry trees and grape vines is permissable early in the season.

However, peach, sweet cherry and apricot pruning, along with work on young trees, should be delayed until late in February or even March.

If orchardists prevent freezing splits and rodent damage at this time of year, they are ahead of the game for 1959 fruit crops, he declared.

Digressing from discussion of current practices for the

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State Broiler Placements Continue Record Climb

Placement of broiler chicks on Pennsylvania farms at 953,000, increased 11 per cent from the previous week and were 36 per cent above the corresponding week last year. Outshipments during the week were 183,000, inshipments were 135,000.

The indicated number of Pennsylvania broilers for market about 10 weeks from now is 844,000, compared wth 729,000, at the same time last year Eggs set for broiler production totaled 1,456,000, 14 per cent above the previous week.

22 State Report

Placement of broiler chicks in the 22 important productio states continued the upward trend, for the seventh consecutive week, totaling 29,427,000 This is two per cent above the previous week and 16 per cent above the same week last year

States showing largest increases from previous week were Penna, Ill, S. Car, and Oregon. Indicated number for market about 10 weeks from now is 27.4 million compared with 23 6 million at the same time last year. The 22 state settings were 11 per cent above the previous week and 19 per cent above the corresponding week last year.

Total hatchings of broiler chicks during the period Dec. 13 - Jan 3 will be 18 per cent above the comparable period last year.

The Delmarva Broiler-Feed ratio for the week Dec. 5 to 12, was 3 1, below the previous week's 3.2 and the 3 3 of one year ago. Broiler prices per pound in the Delmarva region averaged at 15.08, compared with the previoue week's 14 86 and 16 06 of one year before. Broiler mash (20%) was wor th $97 44, compared with the $93 26 of the previous week. Prices at Lancaster Poultry Exchange for the same period were averaging 5 63.

Grange To Sponsor Labor-Law Change

Loran Brinton, master of Pomona Grange, Lancaster County, announced this week the Penna. State Grange will sponsor legislation in the coming session of the Pennsylvania Legislature to have supervision and regulation of farm labor transferred from the Department of Labor and industry to the Department of Agriculture

The State Grange is claiming the Department of Labor and Industry has issued regulations covering migrant workers in a "high-handed manner", furnishing "ample proof that this change is necessary"

"There are certain areas of agricultural activity, such as vegetable and fruit production, where farmers must have access to considerable numbers of workers and the supply of workers must not be jeopardized by bureaucratic action," the announcement concluded

More Turkeys Taken For School Lunches

The U. S Department of Agriculture today announced the purchase this week of 240,000 pounds of turkeys for use in schools participating in the National School Lunch Program and stated that it would continue to consider offers for around 1,000,000 pounds weekly until further notice. Purchases this week bring the total bought since July 31, to 23,350,000 pounds

Prices paid this week ranged from 31 37 to 32 43 cents per pound. In making awards consideration was given to transportation costs for distribution. Offers were accepted from two of seven bidders who offered a total of 750,000 pounds.

Approximately $76,000 of funds transferred by Congress from Section 32 for use under the National School Lunch Act will be expended for this week's purchase, bringing the total to $7,898,000

USDA will continue to accept turkey offers on a weekly basis, with next offers due not later than 2 p m. (EST) Monday, December 8, for acceptance by wire filed not later than 8 a m. (EST) Friday, December 12.

PSU Meats Team Ranks

Penn State's meat-judging team placed fourth in a field of 13 colleges competing in the recent Ninth Annual Intercollegiate contests held in conjunction with the Eastern National at Baltimore

Winning team was the University of Wisconsin, scoring 2609 points to defeat Cornell U, by three points Michigan State was third, while behind Penn State in order of placings were: University of Florida, Rutgers, U of Mass, North Carolina State, Univ. of Conn, Ohio State, VPI, Clemson and the Univ. of Maryland

Penn State's squad placed tenth in a field of 25 major agricultural college meat judging teams at the Chicago International on Dec 2nd. This major contest was won by the three-man Texas A&M team, with Oklahoma State and Iowa State close behind in second and third positions

Wisconsin was fourth, followed by Missouri U, Mich. State U, VPI, Ohio State, S Dak State, Penn State, Clemson, Illinois, Tennessee, Minnesota, Nebraska, Mississippi State, Kansas State, Kentucky, Cornell, North Carolina State, Mass, Ontario Agric College, Florida, N. Dakota and the Univ of Connecuticut.

At Lancaster Yards

Light Steers Lead Trade

James E. O'Hara,
In Charge, Market News Branch

CATTLE Trading this week was high-lighted by slow trading on all classes except slaughter steers weighing under 1200 lb, these were active The receipts this week figure to be about 3700 or about the same as last week Slaughter steers weighing over 1200 lb were very conspicuous with some 19 loads on the market. Slaughter steers accounted for 40 percent of the salable supply and stockers about 45 per cent

Compared with last week's close slaughter steers weighing under 1200 lb sold at steady rates, heavier weights were 50 lower Cows closed about 25-50 lower Bulls were steady Stockers and feeders were steady for the most part but a few sales were weak

The bulk of the Choice slaughter steers weighing 950-1200 lb brought 27 00 - 28 75 with a lot 1100 lb at 29 00 Loads and lots weighing 12 - 1495 lb made 25 50 - 27 50 and one load 1590 lb grading high Choice selling at 27 75 Good to low Choice sold for 24 50 - 27 25 according to weights

Few small lots of Good & Choice heifers made 25 00 27 00 Utility and Comercial bulls sold at 22 75 - 26 00, Good grade fed bulls made 26 00 - 27 75 with a few up to 28 00 Cutter and Utility cows ranged from 16 25-20 - 50 with Commercial at 20.50 - 21 50 at the week's close Canners and low Cutters made 15 00 - 16 25

Good and Choice 800-1050 lb feeder steers brought 25 - 25 - 28 00 and a load Choice 836 lb at 28 50, Medium and Good 24 00 - 26 25, with a load high Good 1065 lb at 25 75 Good and Choice 550-800 lb stock steers made 27 - 00 - 30 00, two lots 506-510 lb at 31 50, Medium and Good 24 75 - 27 50 Good grade stock calves commanded 2900 - 33 00, lot Good and Choice 425 lb at 34 00

CALVES Trading was active for vealers this week Vealers were steady. The total receipts were about 650 head against 775 head for last week. Good and Choice vealers made 30 00 - 36 00 and high Choice and Prime made 36 00 - 41 00. Standard and low Good brought 25 00 - 30 00, with Utility down to 20 00.

HOGS Trading was moderately active on about 1400 head of hogs compared with 1249 head last week Barrows and gilts were sold at steady to strong rates this week. Sows were steady. U S 1-3 grade 180-240 lb barrows and gilts brought 20 25 - 21 00 with a few lots grade No 3 down to 20 00, U S. 1 - 2 grade including uniform 1-3 grade 190-230 lb. hogs at 21 00-22 00 A few lots 240-260 lb sold at 19.50-20 00 Sows weighing 300-600 lb brought 14.00-18 00

SHEEP On Wednesday wooled slaughter lambs declined 50-1.00 This downturn is concurrent with recent losses suffering in the dressed lamb market The receipts will be some 275 head over last week's 339 count Trading was active early in the week but only moderately active late with the demand fair late Good and Choice slaughter lambs sold between 23.25 - 24 25 with a few lots 84-97 lb at 24 50 early in the week but at the close the price range was 22 00-23 25, and Utility and low Good at 19 00-22 00

Based on December 1 reports, the Crop Reporting Board forecasts 1959 production of winter potatoes at 4, 170, 000 hundredweight This would be 16 per cent below 1958 production of 4,971 000 cwt, but two per cent

At Chicago

Receipts Down

USDA MARKET
NEWS SERVICE

CHICAGO, Dec 18—
WEEKLY REVIEW

Cattle — Receipts eight per cent smaller than last week and four per cent less than the same week a year ago but salable supply increased by around 500 head slaughter steers, mainly weights 1200 lbs up, carried from last week Few loads still unsold late this week, but holdover supply smaller tthan a week ago Fully 70 per cent of fresh receipts slaughter steers Fully 15 per cent heifers and six per cent cows. these percentages about the same as last week. About 15 per cent of the steer supply prime and about 60 per cent choice A slight reduction from last week, estimated 25 per cent good grades, a small increase over last week

Average weight of slaughter steers promises to be less than last weeks average of 1198 lbs which was the heaviest for any week on record Choice and prime slaughter steers around 1350 lbs and lighter steady to 50 lower than last weeks close

All other weights and grades mostly 50-1 00 lower, price spread became the widest in some time, weight continuing to be an important price determining factor with steers weighing over 1400 lbs generally selling around 3 00 less than 900 - 1025 lb weights on a grade-for-grade basis

Choice and prime heifers 950 lbs down steady to 25 lower, other weights and grades 50-75 lower Cows unevenly steady to 75 higher, most advance on strngweight canners, Cutters and lean utility cows Bulls strong Vealers fully steady

Stockers and feeders mostly 50-1 00 lower, the decline due to lower prices for most slaughter steers and near record cold weather for this week in December The decline in stocker and feeder prices the first of any consequence in many weeks

About 12 loads prime 1075 1330 lb slaughter steers 28 75 and 29.00, about half as many loads as sold at those prices last week, most choice and prime steers under 1100 lbs 27.00 - 28 50, most comparable grade 1100 - 1300 lb weights 26 00 - 28 50, most choice and prime 1300 1500 lb steers 25 00 - 27.50 but few loads prime 1300 - 1350 lb weights sold up to 28 50

While few loads choice 1400 - 1500 lb weights late went at 24 00 - 24 75 load lot mixed choice and prime 1475 - 1550 lb steers 24 50-25 50, few loads prime 1575-1675 lb weights 25 00 and

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At New Holland

Most Beef Grades Steady

Special to Lancaster Farming
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At New Holland Sales Stables Thursday, the market started very slow, showing strength and activity as sales progressed, Heavy weight shortfed cattle were slow and from 25 - 50 lower. Lightweight high quality yearlings steady Heavy, thick-fleshed Holstein cows 25 - 50 higher All others were steady with last week.

Cattle receipts Thursday were high with 887, and 350 calves on the market

Prime butcher steers, under 1100 lbs sold from $28-29 50 Choice steers, under 1100, went at $27 - 28, while the same grade, over 1200 lb weights, $26 - 27 50 Good steers, under 1100, $26 - 27, over 1200, $24 - 26 Plain to medium kinds, $23 - 24

Choice butcher heifers, $25 27, Good $25 - 27, and plain to medium kinds, $19 - 22

Good bulls were $25 - 27 Plain to medium, $24 - 25

Good butcher cows, $19 50 21 Medium, $18 50 - 19 50 Canners and cutters, $15 50-17

Stocker and feeder steers-one lot of 15 head, averaging 820 lbs, $28 85.

Choice and prime butcher calves, $36 - 37 50 Good, $32 - 35 Medium, $28 - 32 Thin, $21 - 28

On the Dec 17 dairy market there was increased activity on top fresh cows, Prices were about steady with bidding more active

There were 123 cows six stock bulls and five heifers offered Fresh Holstein cows sold for $400 to 505, Guernseys, $240 - 300, and other breeds $250 - 375

Stock bulls sold from $145 260 and stock heifer $75.

On the Dec 15 horse and mule auction, receipts were 151, with market very slow on all saddle and driving horses Killers about steady at 7½ cents per pound

Single mules brought $85 to 130 Teams, with one pair very outstanding, at $475, and the bulk at $230 - 315

Pony colts sold for $60 - 100 and mature ponies brought $85 - 140

Riding horses brought $110 175 Driving horses, $110 - 225

Heavy killers brought $90 125 and thin kinds, $45-85.

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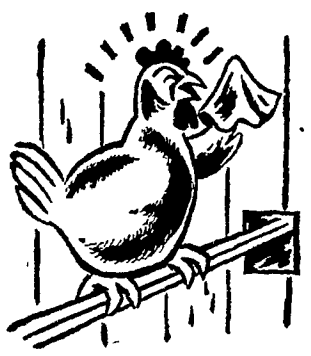

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At Lancaster Poultry Exchange

Broilers Jump to 16.05

Average broiler price at Lancaster Poultry Exchange this week jumped to a 16.05 mark in the face of light marketings, with only five lots of broilers available.

There was a total offering of 16 lots with 27,500 birds with four lots withdrawn on the NO SALE option, only 12 sold.

The week's market with, seller, grower in parentheses, amount, breed, age, buyer and price follows. The code WV - White vantress; L-F-Y, Leghorn Fowl Yearlings; IRW - Indian River Whites; C - cockerels; P - Pullets; Cap - capettes; and WR - White Rock

1 Aaron J Brubaker, 1400 L-F-Y, Carl Risser, 11 3 2 Miller and Bushong (Elam B Riehl) 1000 WV-C-Cap, 13-3 Victor Weaver, 24 4. 3 Same, 750 WV-C-Cap, 13-3, Marvin Swe'gart, 24.4. 4. Same, 1000 WV-C-Cap, 13-3, NO SALE, 21 4 bid 5 Same 750 WV-P-Cap, 13-3, NO SALE, 21.1 bid

6 M & B (Frank Destafano), 2250 WV, 9-6, Roy E. Ream, 16 4. 7. M & B (Clair Bomberger), 2400 IRW, 10-3 and 10-6, Daniel K Good, 16 0 8 W S Long, 1600 L-F-Y, Ream, 11.2 9 Charles Shreiner, Jr., 350 WV & WR-C-Cap, 13.6, Risser, 21 9 10 J Mervin Graybill, WV-Cap, 11-5, NO SALE, 15 4 bid.

11 Tony Georeno, 400 WR P-Cap 16, C F. Manbeck, 23. 12 Tony Georeno, 500 WR-C-Cap, 16, Good, 24 2.

13. J. J Hess II (John E. Riehl), 2700 WV, 9 wks., Weaver, 16. 14. L. E. Henninger & Son (Curtis L. Moyer), 3200 WV, 9-6, College Hill Poultry, 16. 15. Ronald Peachey (Jessie S. Yoder), 5000 WV, 9 wks., NO SALE, 15.8 bid. 16. M & B (Bomberger), 2000 IRW, 10-3 and 10-6, Good, 15.9.

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Eastern Milk Gen. Sustained

PHILA Dec. 19 —

Fluid Milk — Production was generally well sustained, however, in parts of the N E where heavy snows and cold weather occurred, production and offerings were lighter to somewhat short of daily requirements, especially in view of increased interest for holiday specialty items In some instances milk ordinarily moving into manufacturing channels was diverted to bottlers in order to fulfill requirements of an active bottling interest In the N Y milk shed prices advanced as much as 5 cents Wholesale selling prices per 40 qt unit ranged 5 85.

Fluid Cream: Bottling demand was good with offerings adequate to barely adequate. Increased demand by manufacturers' and a higher butter market encouraged heavier use of current offerings with both fresh and storage stocks readily utilized

Holiday interest was mainly centered on whipping cream, egg nog and ice cream. Ice cream sales were generally good to somewhat better than anticipated. This attributed in part to featuring of ½ gallons especially around S E. Penna.

Mkts. Weak

Friday's Delmarva market found buyers selective for size and quality desired and large sizes in upper part of price range. Prices and volume at farm, mostly 3¼ lbs. and over, 12 - 16, 442,600 head, including 240,000 head purchased at Eastern Shore.

Georgia's Friday market found demand mostly slow to fair Offerings continued in fairly good balance with needs Prices at farm, 14-15, mostly 14, 782,700 head; FOB plants, 15 cents, 356,700 head.

Delmarva's Monday through Thursday market was steady with last week, firming Wednesday and Thursday, as offerings were reduced Volume since last Friday, 1,830,900 head Prices, 14½-16; 15½ 13 - 16.10, 13 40 - 16 25

Georgia's Monday through Thursday market was about steady with the previous week, fluctuating slightly, but generally holding at 14-15 cents Volume since last Friday, 4,513,300 head

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Open market selling prices in S E Penna area "approved for Pa. and N J." were unchanged to 25 cents higher on car or trucklot (min 200 cans) and unchanged on L. C. L. (min 50 cans)

Prices in the N. Y milk shed held unchanged. Southeastern Penna area open market selling prices 40 quart unit 40 per cent butterfat, Pa. and N. J. approved car or trucklot (min. 200 cans) $25 25 - 26.75 L. C. L (min 50 cans) $26.25 - 27 50 Atlanta 40 qt 40 per cent bottling icream small lots, $24.00 - 27.00

Weekly New York Egg Mkt.

From December 15th to Friday, December 19th

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nearby Whites					
Extra Fcy Hywts	43½-	45 -	46 -	47 -	47 -
Medium	34 -34½	34½-	36½-	37	37 -
Pullets	30½-	30½-	30½-	30½-31	30½-31
Peewees	22 -23	22 -23	22 -23	23 -24	23 -24
Nearby Browns					
Extra Fcy Hywts	43½-	43½-	45½-	47 -	47 -
Medium	34½-35	36 -	36 -36½	37 -	37 -
Pullets	30½-	30½-	30½-	30½-31	30½-31
Peewees	22 -23	22 -23	22 -23	23 -24	23 -24
Midwestern Mixed					
Fcy Hywts	38½-39	39½-	40 -	42 -	42 -
Medium	32½-	32½-	32½-	33 -	33½-
Pullets	30½-	30½-	30½-	30½-31	30½-31
Standards	35 -36	37½-	38 -	38 -39	39 -39½
Checks	33 -33½	35½-	35½-	36 -	37 -
Midwestern Whites					
Fmy Hywts	42 -	42½-	43½-	44 -44½	44½-
Medium	33 -33½	33 -33½	33 -33½	33½-34	33½-34
Pullets	30½-	30½-	30½-	30½-31	30½-31
Midwestern Browns					
Fcy Hywts	40 -41	41 -	41 -42	43 -	43 -

Market very firm with limited arrivals today closely cleared to an active holiday demand.

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MECHANIZATION is the big news in egg production for 1958.

Everywhere I go poultrymen are talking slatted floors, pit cleaners, automatic egg gathering, multiple tiers of roosts, feeders, etc. I call them apartment houses for hens. I call the hens cliff dwellers.

At first I thought all this mechanization was a lot of nonsense. Since many good poultrymen have gone to mechanization, I've decided I'm just getting old. I must be wrong.

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1. Can you reduce housing equipment cost per dozen eggs produced?
2. Can you reduce labor cost per doz-eggs?
3. Can you keep the same feed and chick cost per dozen eggs produced as you had on the floor?
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Are you a Blind Man?

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PRODUCTION TO EXPECT

To make money on mechanization you should achieve 85% top lay with birds gradually ddopping off to 50% after 12 months of lay.

Get lots of feed and clean water in all your pullets and you'll be successful.

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Editorial - - -

Many damaged carcasses are seen each year at packing plants, and these carcasses represent considerable monetary loss to both packers and shippers each season.

The usual causes of damages are bruises, abscesses, parasites, and serious injuries.

Recently another practice has caused damage to numerous carcasses when cattle have been injected with various antibiotics to treat foot rot, or tranquilizers before shipment. As a result of recent or improper injections many carcasses have to be severely trimmed. Some have been trimmed in the round, others in the flank and also on the shoulder.

One midwestern packer reports that a single shipment of 50 heifers contained 15 animals which required trimming due to an injection of tranquilizers.

Individuals making such injections should choose a site which does not contain valuable cuts of beef and be certain to use properly handled equipment and solutions.

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The 92nd annual convention of the National Grange which came to a close recently, put itself on record as being unanimously in favor of basic policies for the strengthening of the family-farm through self-help, commodity-by-commodity programs.

The oldest national farm organization called for "positive and constructive action" in the development of a program which would give family farm operators "equality of opportunity in the building of a strong and prosperous nation ,and in the sharing of the fruits of that prosperity."

The convention deplored the "negative approach" of those who would abandon constructive programs in favor of an attitude that "ignores the good and emphasizes the faults of our present programs."

The meeting emphasized the need for "understanding and cooperation" between farmers and urban consumers, pointing up that "there are no conflicts of interest . . . that have not been created by lack of sufficient understanding, or by carelessly created misunderstandings."

It is the stand of the Grange that farmers can find no freedom in a "free economy" which denies them the bargaining strength of other segments of our national economy.

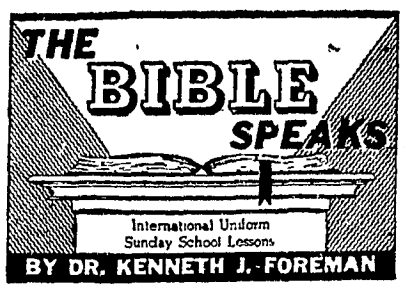
The national organization feels that the control of farm programs should be primarily in the hands of farmers and that the costs of farm commodity programs should be borne by the producers to the extent that the benefits of such programs accrue to producers. And they want returns to farmers for their products to be comparable to the returns in other segments of the economy for labor, capital, investment, risk and management involved.

Predicting that farm production would stay ahead of increasing demand, the convention said that "unless effective ways are devised to adjust production to effective market demand,' total supplies will exceed demand under normal conditions, eves if prices are permitted to go lower.

"We do not ask for advantages not shared by others," a Grange statement said, "nor do we seek special favors. We deny that farmers now receive or have received preferential treatment. On the contrary, we have not yet shared equitably in the rewards of an increasingly productive prosperous national economy to which we have contributed our full share of progress."

The Grange urged immediate priority on research to develop a program for control of leptospirosis in cattle, hogs and sheep; expressed concern that vertical integration will, if not controlled by farmers, shift management decisions to others than farmers; opposed automotive excise tax increases for any purpose; unanimously rejected both alternatives in the Nov. 25 corn referendum as offering any prospect for adjusting production or stabilizing prices, urged increased emphasis on foreign aid programs for the development of markets; gave full suport to the Soil Conservation Service and Soil Conservation Districts; and among other actions authorized construction of a National Grange headquarters at Washington, D. C., and voted to hold the 1959 convention in California. - -

—Eastern Indiana Farmer



Bible Material: Luke 1 26-56, 2 1-20.
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Joy

A MAGAZINE which advertises expensive things — cufflinks for $100 and over, cute little earrings for $500, mens shirts for $15 each—carried once a full-page advertisement with exactly eight words besides the manufacturer's name. It read: "JOY—the most costly perfume in the world."

Dr. Foreman

As an ad for perfume, that was obviously silly. It would appeal only to the kind of person who does not ask, "How good is this?" but "how expensive is it?" You do not raise the quality of your merchandise merely by raising the price.

Nevertheless, as a parable, or a starting-point for meditation, that is worth several minutes' serious thought.

Joy Is Life's Perfume

Perfumery is at the same time one of the most useless and yet most popular things sold. How many thousand gallons of it, will be sold for Christmas presents no one knows And yet what good is it? A very practical-minded character might ask. All it does is to smell good. Ah, but that is just the point. Let the reader think back over the happiest moments of his or her life Isn't it true that some sort of fragrance pervades each happy memory? The mint in Grandmother's back yard, the turkey at Tranksgiving, the smell of the Christmas tree, and the spring lilacs, and the perfume she wore the night she said "Yes." An odorless world would be a dull world. It's the pervasive and haunting fragrance of life that lift it out of the commonplace.

So with joy. Unlike perfume, it has no market value; but like perfume, its usefulness is mainly indirect. As there are cheap and vulgar perfumes, so there are cheap and vulgar joys But there are rare and exquisite joys too. The same situation, the same relationship, the same duty, the "same old story" can be for one person a drudgery, and for another a delight, because one person lacks the joy the other has Just as literal odors make past moments memorable, so joy makes life's best moments memorable.

Fragrance of Christmas

Christmas is a time of joyous fragrances; but if they are all for the body and none for the soul, we have missed the true fragrance of Christmas There is a word in the Greek New Testament which, the first time it is used (John 12.3) means literally fragrance — the odor of the precious ointment which Mary poured on Jesus Four other times it is used figuratively in speaking of the "fragrance" of the Christian life. This and another word (II Cor. 2:15, Eph. 5:2, Phil. 4:18) suggest that the Christian life is more than correct, it is lovely. Beauty is inwoven with Christianity. The perfume of joy comes to us in the song of the angels, in the song of Mary, in the adoration of the shepherds Wherever Christ has come, it is as if sour and horrible odors had been replaced by frangrances from beside the River of Life. What are the high days the church celebrates? They are called, and they are, "feasts" or festivals Christmas and Easter are seasons of joy; not reckless devil-may-care pleasure, which is quite another thing, but joy that links earth to heaven.

Good News of a Great Joy

How stupid and twisted some definitions of religion seem, in the light of the Christmas story! You may detect at least some of the counterfeits passing for Christianity by this, that they are joyless, they are without fragrance An enemy of Christianity once defined religion as a sum of scruples—in other words, a mess of Dont's" A would-be friend of Christianity defined this religion as "God's attack on man" We should take our cue from the joyous angels, not from such gloomy scholars Did the angels sing, "You'd better be afraid —we have a whole new list of Dont's!" Did the First Angel shout in a voice of doom: "I come to announce God's attack on man!"—? Christmas is the word of freedom to men in prison, Christmas is the word of joy to a world in sorrow, the coming of a Rescuer to a world that was lost.

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THIS WEEK
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DEBT TO CHRIST

This is the week, above all others, each year that we like to dwell for awhile on the deep significance of Jesus Christ and the Christian religion which He gave to the world

Christianity is only one of the many religions the world has known It is, however, much more than just another religion Other peoples have worshiped and made sacrifices to the sun, the moon or to carved idols

Christ, whose birth we observe this Holy Week, gave a meaning to life and to the brotherhood of man. Through the nearly twenty centuries since Christ was born, many men have sacrificed their life for Him, but not a life has been sacrificed to Him

He lived and taught the dignity and the meaning of life, its purposes and its rewards on Earth as well as after death Christianity is, truly, a way of life and of living that has made the world more beautiful and more satisfying

The Lesson of Giving

When we think of Christmas we think of Christmas gifts In fact, "Christmas gifts" is about the most frequently used expression during this week How many of us get more pleasure out of giving than receiving?

Christ said "it is more blessed to give than to receive' He also said "give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over"

He said "there is no one who has given for His sake who shall not receive a hundredfold"

Does that sound very practical to you? Or does it sound like a beautiful but impractical theory heard only from the pulpit? Well, let's see how it has worked when applied to our Nation,

Almost a hundred years ago the United States was the first among modern civilized nations to give up slave labor What did we receive? We have made America into the most mechanized and productive nation in the world

Our Brother's Keeper

Christ taught us that we are our brother's keeper and He said "inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, so have you done it unto me" During the past 15 years we have given liberally of our material wealth to the less fortunate people of the world

We have, I believe, given more than $30 billion worth of food, clothing, tools and other sustenance to the peoples of more than 40 nations We have "cast our bread upon the waters' and it has come back to us one hundredfold.

I am 70 years old and I have never seen a Christmas when the great majority of the people of this country had such good homes, as good food, as good clothes, as many of the conveniences that make life more satisfying

This is a Christmas season when all of us can truly say Jesus was a wise prophet when He said "It is more blessed to give than to receive" For, in giving we have received many times over what we gave.

We have in our hearts that peace for which He died on the Cross of Calvary.

A Georgia Exper. Station study showed that when poultry feeders are filled to the top, feed losses averaged as much as 45 per cent. When filled only two-thirds full, wastage dropped to 15 per cent; when half full losses were only five per cent, and when one-third full, a mere two per cent of the feed was wasted.

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Now Is The Time . . .

BY MAX SMITH

Max Smith

TO VENTILATE AND INSULATE DAIRY BARNS—Many barns filled with animals during these periods of extreme cold weather have ventilation and condensation problems In some cases an electric fan exhaust system installed at the cold end of the barn will correct or improve both problems Other barns may need some extra insulation, either on the ceiling above the cattle or on the sides and windows Sweating windows and dripping ceilings and beams are a sign of the problem.

TO GIVE SPECIAL CARE TO THE MILKING MACHINE—One of the most used pieces of machinery on the dairy farm is the milking machine; this equipment is used at least twice a day and every day in the year Frequent checking of key points such as the pump, belts, pulsators, vacuum lines and rubber parts and daily taking apart and washing of equipment which contacts the milk is strongly recommended for top quality production

TO PREPARE STATE FARM SHOW LIVESTOCK—All cattle to be exhibited at the coming State Farm Show must meet certain health requirements; this relates to tuberculosis, brucellosis and shipping fever. Exhibitors are urged to refer to pages eight and nine of the Farm Show premium Lists in order to learn all requirements Many of the tests and injections should be made soon in order to qualify

TO WATER TOBACCO SPARINGLY — Reports have indicated that some tobacco farmers are using too much water on their tobacco in the cellar during the dampening process In these cases the tobacco after going in bales will rot and decrease in quality. The spraying or sprinkling should be only enough to dampen the leaves and make them handle without breaking The 1958 crop is thin and should not require large amounts of water to put into good handling condition

TO CHECK FARM EQUIPMENT—In following the practice of putting farm machinery under cover for the winter, it is also essential that drills be cleaned out The remaining bits of lime and fertilizer will surely corrode the metal parts and cause trouble next spring. Weed sprayers should be thoroughly drained and all moving parts oiled and greased.

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25 25, most good steers 23 50 26 50 according to weight, few high good 900 - 950 lb weights 26 75 and few good 1500 lb steers as low as 23 00

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Seed needs a continuous supply of the optimum temperature, oxygen and water to germinate Shortage in any one spells the end to the plant in infancy

Alfalfa, Timothy Red Clover Dominate Forage Crop Scene

Alfalfa, timothy, and red clover have dominated the forage crop picture in Pennsylvania for the past five years, declared James L Starling, Penn State agronomist, during the 13th annual Seed Conference December 10-11 at the University

Speaking on trends in forage seed usage, Dr Starling said the amount of forage seed distributed in Pennsylvania has increased from 8 6 million pound in 1954 to over 12 million pounds in 1958 These figures are indicated by an annual survey of Northeast wholesale seed dealers

"Farmers are using shorter rotations and more frequent seedings," Dr Starling claimed "The increaser buying of forage seed also reflects the interest of farmers in renovating worn-out pastures The trend is toward the use of commercial seed rather than home-grown seed"

Alfalfa gets the credit for the greatest increase in volume of seed traded in the State, Alfalfa usage has risen from 2 5 million pounds in 1954 to 4-1 million pounds in 1958

Buffalo and Ranger alfalfa, the two standards a few years ago, are gradually being replaced by Vernal and DuPuits The latter two accounted for about 30 per cent of the alfalfa seed marketed in 1958 This figure may rise to 45 per cent in 1959

Pennscott red clover is replacing Kenland and Common. Pennscott increased from 15 per cent of red clover sales in 1955 to 40 per cent in 1958.

Dr Starling predicted that Pennscott will comprise about one-half of the red clover sold in the State by 1959 Timothy is mostly the Common type but Climax, a new variety, is recommended

Gophers Bite Dust From Weed Killer

A report from Colorado State University says that when 2,4-D was used in that state recently to kill rangeland weeds, not only were the weeds removed, but the chemical treatment got rid of 87 per cent of the pocket gophers (These are the pests which dig the holes, which the movie cowboy's horse is always stepping in and breaking his leg They are a definite factor in ruining good range)

Removal of the weeds apparently cut off the gopher's principal food supply and rather than move, they simply sat and starved to death

York Apples Top State's '58 Crop

Harrisburg, Dec 3 — York Imperial apples, developed in York County, more than 135 years ago, regained the lead in the Commonwealth's apple production during 1958, the state Department of Agriculture reported today

Top variety in the Keystone State during 1957 was the all-purpose Stayman In 1958, Staymans ranked second with a production of 960,000 bushels, 34 per cent under the previous year's output

The Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service said York Imperial production totaled 1,407,000 bushels this year, six per cent above the 1957 output and 20 per cent higher than the 10-year average from 1947 to 1956 The York is a cooking and general purpose apple, used in large quantities by canners for apple sauce and slices

Production of all varieties in Pennsylvania commercial apple-producing counties in 1958 totaled 6,400,000 bushels, three per cent under the 1957 crop of 6,630,000 bushels

Other major varieties, in order of ranking, are, Rome Beauty, 832 000 bushels, Red Delicious, 627,000, Golden Delicious, 474,000, Jonathan, 448,000, and McIntosh, 288 000

In recent years, production of Staymans and Yorks has remained fairly constant, while the Red Delicious variety has shown a decrease The other major varities have recorded increases in per cent of total production.

Throughout the state, apples sized and colored well, making a high quality crop this year, the Department said Prices up to November for both fresh market and processing were termed low.

This year Pennsylvania ranked seventh among all the states in total production of apples

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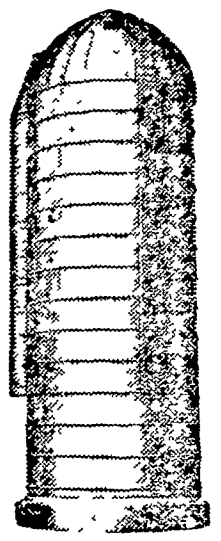

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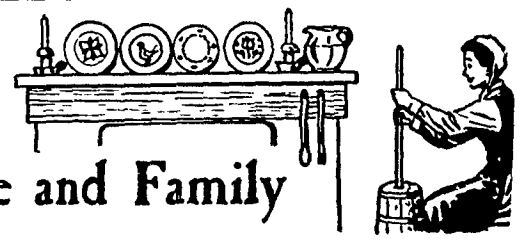

For the Farm Wife and Family

Soc. 15 Members Share Favorite Cookie Receipes

By Mrs. Richard Spence

If you've some last minute baking to do you might like to try some of these goodies submitted by Farm Women Society #15.

This group meets the third Thursday of each month. They contribute to many welfare funds and drives, sew at the hospital, have helped to provide a wheel chair for use in the southern part of the county and occasionally serve refreshments at the County Home. They also serve refreshments at the 4-H club meetings in the southern area during the summer months. For fun they hold an annual Christmas party, have a family party in August and usually have a luncheon in the spring.

And now for some of their receipes—

Sugar Cookies
Mary Boyce

2 cups brown sugar
1 cup shortening (butter or margarine)
3 eggs
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon soda
¼ cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
4 cups flour (about)

Cream shortening and sugar. Add well-beaten eggs; then add milk and vanilla and half the flour sifted with salt and soda Add enough more flour to make a drop batter. Bake 10 minutes in a 400 degree oven.

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Peanut Butter Strips
Kathryn Jackson

⅓ cup shortening
½ cup peanut butter
1 cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup cocoanut

Mix shortening, peanut butter, sugar, salt, eggs and vanilla. Add flour and baking powder. Add cocoanut last. Place in 8x12-inch greased pan. Bake in oven 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Cut in strips while warm and roll in powdered sugar.

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Cherry Winks
Erma Witmer

2½ cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon soda
½ teaspoon salt
¾ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
2 tablespoons milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup chopped peacans
1 cup dates
½ cup maraschino cherries
2½ cups cornflakes

Sift together the flour, baking powder, soda and salt Combine shortening and sugar Blend in the eggs, milk, and vanilla. Add flour mixture. Add pecans and dates. Shape into balls and roll in cornflakes. Top with a cherry Bake at 375 degrees 10 to 12 minutes.

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Applesauce Ginger Bars
Lillian McCrabb

2 egg whites, beaten stiff
1 cup sugar
Pinch salt
1 cup cocoanut
1½ cups cornflakes, slightly crushed
1 teaspoon vanilla

Bake in moderate oven 12 or 15 minutes.

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Sponge Cake Custard
Martha Herr

2¼ cups dates
1 cup sugar
1 cup water
1 cup chopped nuts

Boil the above 10 minutes and let cool.

1 cup shortening
2 cups brown sugar
3 eggs well beaten
4 cups sifted flour
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder

Mix; divide this in half and roll ¼ inch thick. Spread first mixture, which has been chilled on it. Roll in rolls and let cool. Then slice and bake.

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Cocoanut Macaroons
Mrs. David B. Jackson

1 box gingerbread mix
1 cup applesauce
½ cup rasins
½ cup chopped nuts

Blend applesauce with gingrebread mix. Beat two minutes at medium speed. Stir in raisins and chopped nuts. Spread in greased 13x9x2-inch pan. Bake at 375 degrees 25 to 30 minutes. While warm, sprinkle with confectioner's sugar and cut into bars.

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Date Cookies
Sadie Greenleaf

4 eggs
1 cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
vanilla
2 cups flour

Beat eggs and salt until stiff with mixer (about 15 minutes). Add sugar slowly. Then fold in flour and vanilla. Bake in two 9-inch pans.

Make custard. Slice cake and fill with custard. If you like you may cover cake with chocolate icing or serve with whipped cream.

Farm Calendar

Dec. 20—Soc. No. 3, Christmas Party, Mt. Airy Fire Hall.
Soc. No. 12, Christmas Party, Highville Fire Hall, at 2 p.m.

Dec. 23—7:30 p m, Lanc. Co. Swine Producers Assoc SPABC.

Dec. 23—7:30 p m, Lancaster Co. Swine Assoc., Directors Meeting, SPABC.

Jan 5—7:30 p m. Southern Lancaster County 4-H Tractor club, 1959 organization meeting. Conestoga Farm Supply, Quarryville.

Jan. 7—7:30 p m, 4-H Electric Club meeting, PP&L Building, Lancaster, first of eight regular meetings.

Jan 8—7 30 p.m, Northern Lancaster County 4-H Tractor club, 1959 organization meeting Landis Bros Farm Equipment store, Manheim pike

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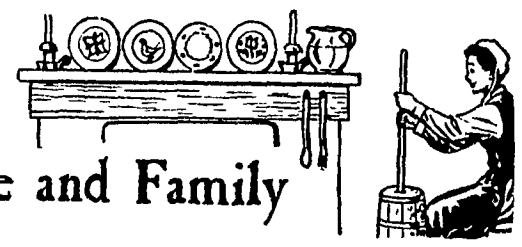

Mrs. Greider Host Soc. 18

Farm Women Society 18 met on December 13 at the home of Mrs. Christ S. Greider, Route 1, Mount Joy. Mrs. Robert R. Good, president, presided. Devotions were led by Mrs. Maris Smith. Twenty-five members were present.

The society voted to give donations to the Tuberculosis Society of Lancaster County, Muscular Dystrophy Ass'n. and the Infantile Paralysis Ass'n

Delegates to the State Farm Women's Convention at Harrisburg on Jan. 12 and 13 will be Mrs. Robert R. Good, Mrs. Raymond N. Miller, Mrs. Kenneth S. Brubaker, Mrs. Benjamin Greider, Mrs. Jay Landis and Mrs John N. Hess.

Mrs. Martin N Swarr of Landisville gave a demonstratian of gift wrappings.

At 1 p m. January 10, Society 7 will entertain Society 18 at a luncheon meeting at Paradise -high school. There will be no regular meeting of Society 18 in January.

U.S. Per-Cow Milk Flow Up 8 Per Cent

On December 1, milk production per cow in crop reporter's herds averaged 19.27 pounds, nearly eight per cent above the previous high for that date last year, and it was at a record high in all regions of the country.

A total of 8,856 million lbs of milk was produced in November, up one per cent from November 1957. In the first 11 months of 1958, milk production totaled 116.7 million lbs, below the 117 billion during the first 11 months of 1957

Yule Party Ends Soc. No. 2 Year

Farm Women's Society No. 2 observed the annualChristmas party at Penryn Fire Hall, Saturday afternoon, with Mrs John Dourte, vice president, in charge of the program.

Mrs Margie Shelly delivered the Scripture reading and the group sang Christmas carols

With the roll call, each member received the Society's 1959 Year Book with an enclosed photo from Mrs. John Snavely, society president, who is in the hospital.

Officers' and committee reports were followed by a vote to offer donations to the Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis and Infantile Paralys's Foundations.

Mrs Ronald Gordley and Mrs Henry Hess were selected as delegates to the State Farm Women Society convention in Harrisburg in January. Mrs. Fred Hahn ann Mrs. Earl Petticoffer were named as alternates

The annual society banquet was scheduled for Jan. 10, 1958 in Rosetown restaurant, Manheim and a committee of six named to supervise it.

Keep Your Christmas Tree Fresh

About 40 million Christmas trees now are used annually in the United States. Of these trees, about 28 million are produced in the U. S., and 12 million are imported from Canada. The majority of Christmas trees marketed are, Douglas fir Balsam fir, Black spruce, Eastern Red cedar, Scotch pine, Norway spruce, Red pine, Eastern White pine, and Red spruce.

How to treat the Christmas tree to make it fire-resistant is a question that comes frequently to State extension foresters and to the U. S. Department of Agriculture every December.

The answer is: Buy a fresh tree and see that it has enough water to keep fresh.

Many chemicals have been tried for fire-proofing trees Even substances like sugar, aspirin or fruit acids have been used in water for this purpose. None has proven as effective a s plain water, which keeps the tree naturally moist and thus resistant to flame. Some solutions tested for fire-proofing have had the opposite effect because the trees, unable to absorb them, have become dry and flammable.
and flammable.

Buy your Christmas tree early because you can choose your tree while it is still fresh and moist and before it can dry out from long exposure to sun and air on the sales lot. Keep it fresh by keeping it in water. Early shopping also offers more opportunity to select the size, shape and kind of tree you want.

If the tree is fresh, the needles will feel moist as you run your hand over the boughs. If needles fall when you move or shake the tree, it already is dry and probably no longer able to absorb water.

As soon as the tree comes home, throw cold water all over it Then cut off the butt end about an inch slantwise to open pores for drawing up water. Set the tree in water. Keep it cool and shaded until it comes indoors for trimming Good location for a Christmas tree is in the cool part of the room, away from radiators, hearthfires, TV sets or other source of heat.

The lighter the load in your automatic clothes dryer, the more wrinkle-free your wash will be, states Miss Helen Bell, Penn State extension home management specialist. It's a good idea to put no more than two double cotton sheets at a time in the dryer with other smaller articles The light load will give the sheets a chance to tumble freely and fluff the wrinkles out.

Wheel-Track Planting Saves $5 Per Acre

A recent Univ of Minn. report says that 1,400 farmers in that state saved nearly $200,000 this year by planting their corn in tractor tracks directly on freshly plowed soil, a practice commonly known as wheel-track planting.

Since the method eliminates all disking and harrowing normally required on corn ground, and one or two cultivations — due to scant weed growth between rows— Minn. soils men estimate the practice saves $5 per acre in equipment costs and labor.

Even more important, they claim, is the fact it protects soil structure Moreover, tests and crop yield reports have shown repeatedly that yields from wheel-track planting are as high as when corn is planted by the more common method in that state.

Canadian Feeder Cattle Sales Up

The Foreign Agricultural Service reports that sales of feeder cattle were up sharply in Canada during October of this year.

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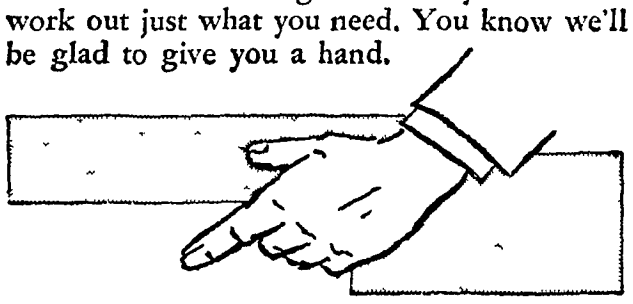
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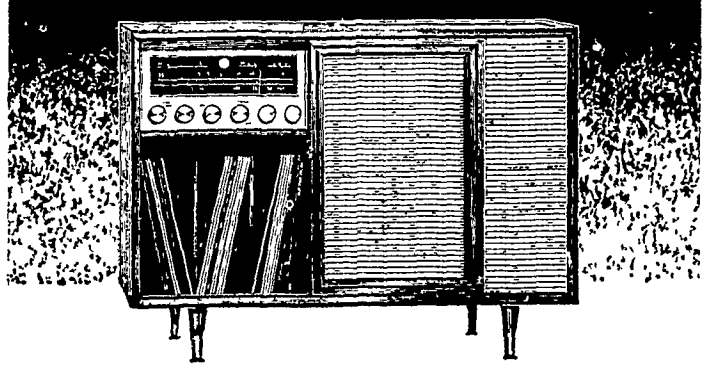
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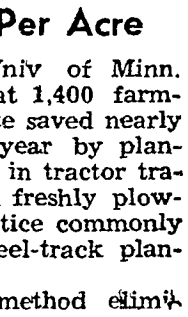
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Survey Group Predicts Poultry Price Drop

Chicago—"Poultry production will be up and prices will be down in 1959 If production is up as much as forecast, egg prices will average six cents lower January through June, and two cents lower, July through September, compared to this last year Higher production could also mean one to two cents lower turkey prices next fall, and lower broiler prices by four to five cents, January through March, compared to 1958"

So stated the Poultry Survey Committee in its eighth report to the nation's poultry and allied industries at the conclusion of a two-day meeting in Chicago. Following is the complete report of the four outstanding college economists who comprise this committee.

Eggs

Egg prices during January through June of 1959, will average about 31 cents a dozen, six cents below a year earlier July through September prices will average about 36 cents, two cents below the same period of 1958

Egg production is now running about seven per cent more than a year ago even through the number of layers on farms is up less than one per cent Egg production during the first half of 1959 will be three per cent above the same period of 1958 This increase in production will be the result of a two per cent larger laying flock plus a slight increase in the rate of lay

Currently it is estimated that the 1959 spring hatch of egg-type chicks will be down about 10 per cent from 1958 Ordinarily, a 5 per cent cut is needed to offset increased production efficiencies An additional 5 per cent cut will be required in the spring of 1959 because of the extra 25 million chicks hatched July-December, 1958

Therefore a 10 per cent reduction will be necessary to hold October - December, 1959 egg prices near the 37 cent level of the preceding year If such a reduction does not occur egg prices will average lower than 37 cents during the last quarter of 1959

The increasing trend toward year-round hatching of egg-type chicks is modifying the effects of year to year changes in the number of chicks hatched during the January-May season The resulting trend toward uniformity of egg production has reduced the seasonal variation in prices and the need for egg storage operations

Turkeys

A record turkey crop is expected in 1959 Current estimates indicate an increase of five to eight per cent This quanity would move to market at prices below 1958 levels Producers will realize lower net returns in 1959 even though feed and other production costs may be slightly lower.

About three per cent more turkeys could be marketed in 1959 at about 1958 prices because of the increase in population and expected improvement in consumer incomes If the expected increase in turkeys raised materializes, September-December prices in 1959 will probably be one to two cents below the 23 5 cents average of 1958

Several factors point to an expansion of production Returns from the 1958 crop particularly from birds sold early, were above 1957 The number of available breeder hens will be greater Current hatching operations, though relatively small, are running about double year ago levels

In addition, the trend toward larger commercial enterprises, often operating in joint arrangements, with hatcheries, feed supplies and processors, trends to generate expansion

The 1958-59 hatching season has started out with a big hatch but may weaken relative to a year ago as the season progresses This would be in sharp contrast to the 1957-58 season which began slowly but ended with a very large late hatch

Turkey prices during the first half of 1959 will average below 1958 Storage stocks will be near record levels Slaughter from the late 1958 hatch will be up substantially Also, pork prices will be lower

Broilers

U S farm prices for broilers for January through March will probably average 16 cents This is four to five cents below the 1958 prices for these months Assuming no repetition of the abnormal mortality of 1958, marketings for the quarter will be increased substantially more than 15 per cent indicated by placements

April through June prices are likely to average near 17 cents, three cents below year earlier levels Egg settings and chick placements in early December were running 15 to 20 per cent above 1957 levels

It is likely that placements will continue substantially above year ago levels at least

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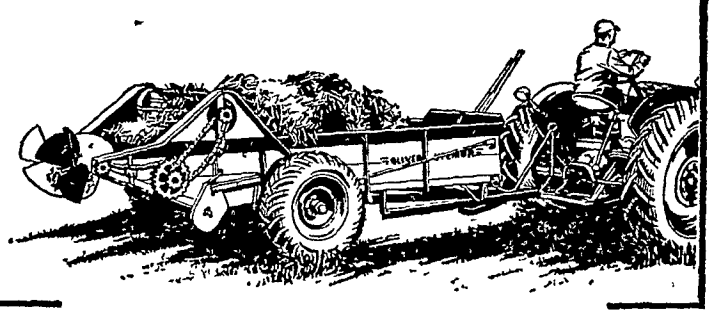

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State Milk Flow Continues At All-Time High

November milk production in Pennsylvania reached an estimated 487 million pounds to cotinue the record setting pace for every month of this year, a four per cent increase over 1957's production of 5,932 million pounds for the first 11 months

November's record of 523 lbs per cow resulted in record total milk yields for the month, in spite of the lowest milk cow numbers in four years according to the Penna Crop Reporting Service High beef prices have contributed to reduction of dairy animal numbers.

Pastures were better and later than normal this year, with many farmers grazing herds as late as the latter part of November Average pounds of concentrates fed, per cow during the month totaled 8 9 lbs. per day, compared with 90 lbs during November 1957.

Dairymen's milk price — feed ratio improved slightly, to reach 1 63 Milk cows averaged $280 per head, butterfat, 52 cents per lb, and wholesale milk, $5 45 per cwt in Pennsylvania.

In the nation. milkers averaged $222 per head, butterfat, 58½ cents per pound, and wholesale milk, $4.50 per cwt The national milk-feed ratio lbs. concentrate equal in value to one pound of whole milk, was 1 58.

Prices paid in Penna. as of the 15th of November averaged. 16 per cent mixed dairy feed — $3.65; 20 per cent—$3.85, and 29 per cent $4 30. Cottonseed meal—$4 40, Soybean meal—$4 20 Bran — $3 00; Middlings — $3.15, Alfalfa hay, per ton,—$35, and other hay —$28.

In the nation 16 per cent mixed dairy feed—$3.57; 20 per cent—$3.83; and 29 per cent —$4 35. Cotton seed meal—$3 82; Soybean meal, $4 05, Bran — $ 76; Middlings—$2.87; Alfalfa hay, per ton—$29. and other hay $27.

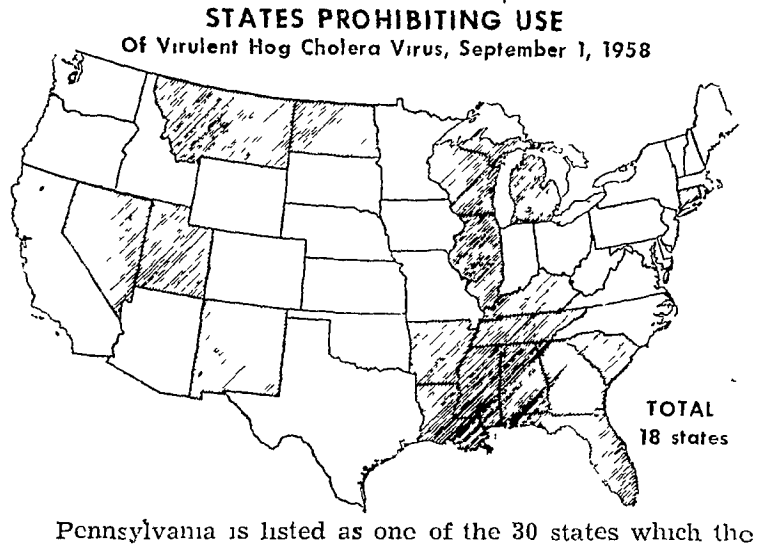
Test Reveals, 'No Sound Reason To Feed Dynafac'

Although early growth of calves may be speeded up by feeding them Dynafac, there is still no good reason for feeding it to them, according to experiment results released at the University of Minnesota.

In the tests, average gain of calves getting fresh skim milk and the additive was 0 99 lbs. per day, from birth to 42 days of age. Calves not getting the additive averaged 0 85 lb per day during the same number of days

However, during the second 42 days of the experiments, calves getting the Dynafac gained 1 59 lbs while those not getting it averaged 1 86 lbs gain For the entire 85-day trial, the group of calves not getting Dynafac averaged 1 38 lbs per day, while those fed the additive averaged 1 29 lbs. gain.

Foreign Bans on U.S. Pork Easing



Pennsylvania is listed as one of the 30 states which the American Meat Institute claims is missing an opportunity to share in a potential pork business of more than 90 million pounds annually, because of existing state regulations on hog cholera vaccine.

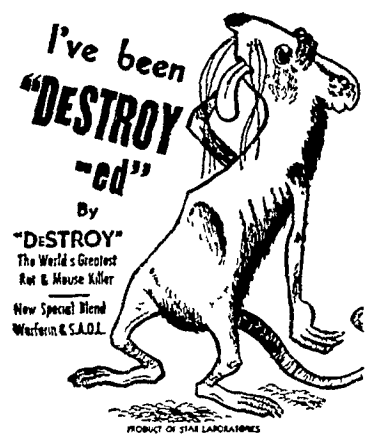
As a result of negotiations started two years ago by AMI representatives, the United Kingdom, a potential yearly pork market of 60 million pounds, recently has agreed to a limited reopening of its market for U. S pork products Other nations are expected to follow in the near future, according to Gaston Escoube of the AMI foreign trade staff

Several European countries enacted trade restrictions prohibiting pork imports from the U S shortly after World War II, thus closing a profitable market to American pork producers.

This, reports AMI, was undoubtedly due to outbreaks of hog cholera which occured in several European countries during the occupation years when hogs were fed garbage rom U S military camps.

Veterinary authorities in Europe contended the disease was transmitted through meat scraps from pork products imported from the U S. which came from animals which had been inoculated against cholera with live virus, Escoube reports

Britian now has agreed to accept U S pork products from states which require the use of modified hog cholera vaccine These are. Alabama, Arkansas, Conn, Florida, Geo, Ill, Ken, Louisiana, Mich, Miss, Montana, Nevada, New Mex, N Dak, S Car, Tenn, Utah, and Wisconsin



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until late March. Thus, makketings through May will be correspondingly larger than in 1958.

Unusual broiler mortality and relatively high red meat prices are believed to have given a two cents per pound boost to early 1958 broiler prices Factors contributing to the high broiler mortality are unlikely to be repeated and supplies of red meats will be 4 per cent larger during early 1959

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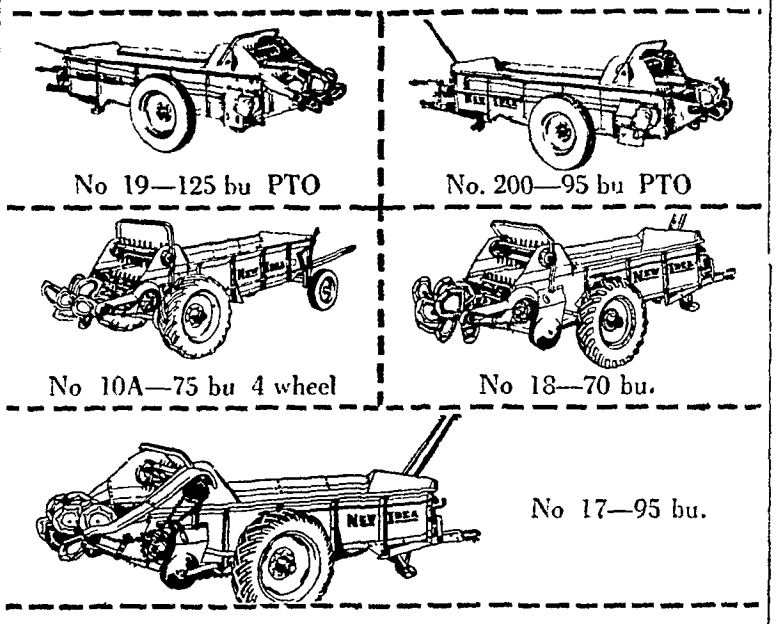

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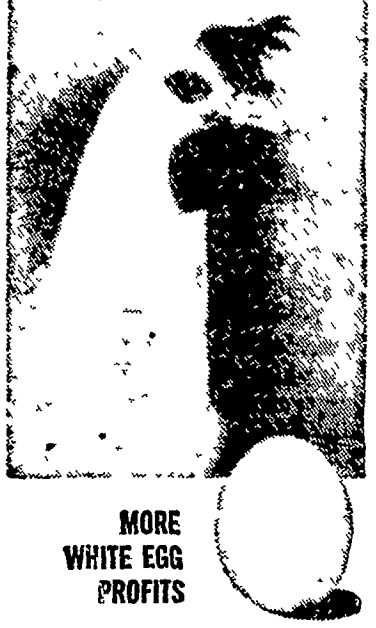

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★ Fruit Meets

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fruit growers, Bittner discussed marketing and mechanization in orchards.

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Growers' Actions

During the Growers' business meeting, committees were established to manage the 1959 Fruit Growers' Queen contest, the annual banquet in early January and to arrange the county fruit exhibit at the 1959 Farm Show

Henry Wagner, Columbia RD 1, was elected president to succeed Milton Hassel, Christiana RD 1 Other officers elected include. Melvin Groff, Lancaster RD 6, vice president, and Simon Snyder and Daniel A Brubaker, both of Ephrata RD 1, re-elected as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

MEMBERS OF SOCIETY 15 gathered Thursday evening in Quarryville's Spanish Tavern for their annual Christmas Banquet Here the Society is shown at the repast, with families and guests On this week's Women's Page, are several reciepes for holiday treats prepared by some of the group's members LF PHOTO

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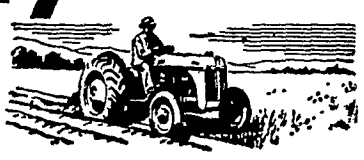

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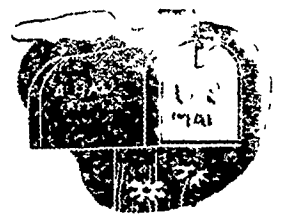

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'Cow-Sitter' Trade Suggested For Tired Dairymen

A Michigan State dairy specialist has come up with an idea which might mean much to the one-man-operation dairy farmer Donald L Murray believes that a "cow sitter" profession could be a profitable occupation and meet a real need in any area where most dairy farms are one-man systems

Murray reports talking to one farmer who said he has not missed a milking in 12 years and would like to arrange an occasional weekend off or a week's vacation once in a while "

It would be almost impossible to get a man to do as good a job as the farmer himself, but an experienced cow man could do a satisfactory job and develop a sizable clientee A reliable substitute is hard to find, but if a serious worker was willing to find profit in it While many try this idea, he just might farmers would welcome a "safe" way to leave chores for a few days

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Consignment Sale
—OF—
40 Regist. & Grade Holstein Cattle
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LOCATION—At The Keystone Holstein Sale Barn, on Route 230 just east of Mount Joy, Pa.
36 Cows and First Calf Heifers
most fresh or close
Including a lot of Wisconsin & Canadian Cows, a few up state cows some heifers, old enough to breed
Will have a lot of nice cows, a good place to buy your winter milkers some top Registered Holstein Cows
MOUNT JOY SALE COMPANY
MOUNT JOY PA P O BOX 142
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Poultry Cost-Price Squeeze Eases Some During November

The number of layers in Pennsylvania continued seasonal increase during November, although at a lower rate than usual. The increase was less than one per cent, according to the State Crop Reporting Service.

Average October to November seasonal increase for the period 1950 to 1957 was about three per cent. The number of layers in state flocks during November was 18,030,000, lowest since 1946.

Partially compensating for the reduction in layer numbers is the increase in rate of lay per hen This year, rate of November lay was 16.25 eggs per layer, compared with 15 81 for November, 1957.

Total production was still below the month's total in 1957, with this year's 293 million eggs edged by the 295 million total in the previous November. Total production for the first 11 months of 1958 was approximately the same as for this period of 1957.

Cost-price ratios for all segments of the state's poultry industry improved slightly over October, but were less favorable than during November last pear.

Following are average prices paid and received by poultrymen in the state and nation as of Nov. 15.

In the state Chickens, live - 16 cetns, Broilers, live - 19, Turkeys, live - 31, and eggs per doz - 45 cents. In the nation Chickens - 12.1; Broilers - 15 9; Turkeys - 23.1, and eggs per doz - 38.-3.

In the state laying mash - $4 40 per cwt; Scratch grain - $3 75; Poultry ration - $3. 51, and Broiler growing mash - $4.75. In the nation: Laying mash - $4.38; Scratch grain - $3.87; Poultry ration - $3.29, and Broiler growing mash - $4 88.

The various ratios, figured at pounds of feed that can bought by one pound of liveweight poultry or one dozen eggs were as follows:

In the state: Chicken - feed - 3.7; Turkey - feed - 7.0; Broiler - feed - 3 4, and Egg - feed - 11 6.

U.S. Peanut Stocks Hit 20-Year High

On October 31, a total of 956 million pounds of equivalent farmers' stock peanuts were held in off-farm positions, according to latest US DA figures. This is the largest October 31 holdings since 1938.

The current peanut-supply figures also show that more than 73 million pounds of shelled raw peanuts were used during October in making candy, salted confections, peanut butter and other edible products. This is about 13 per cent above September and six per cent more than October a year ago

Robert McKelvey (left) and Raymond Barr happily display part of their 147 45 bushel yield.

Big Yields With Dekalb 633

The following yields were made on selected 5 acres entered in the 1958 DeKalb National Corn Growing Contest!

Lancaster County	
John J. McKelvey's Sons	147.45
Adams County	
Joseph F. Bushey	139.15
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York County	
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4-H Box Social

THOSE LONG FACES in the inset belongs to Don Herr, Refton, and Margaret Hoar, Gap, members of the Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef Club. Reason for the woeful expressions were unrevealed, but it could have something to do with the price Don paid for Margaret's box, during the club's "box social" auction at this week's meeting He topped the market at the auction for the privilege of sharing the sandwiches they're munching. LF PHOTO

32.2-Cent Support Announced For Type 46

An average price support loan level of 31 2 cents per pound for 1958-crop, type-46 Puerto Rican cigar filler tobacco was announced this week by the USDA.

The loan support level represents 90 per cent of parity prices, as of Oct 1, 1958.

Average loan price for the '57 crop, also based on 90 per cent of parity, was 32 5 cents per pound.

This year's average loan level was determined under provisions of the amended 1949 Agricultural Act, providing for a minimum level of price support based on the supply of tobacco as of the beginning of the market year

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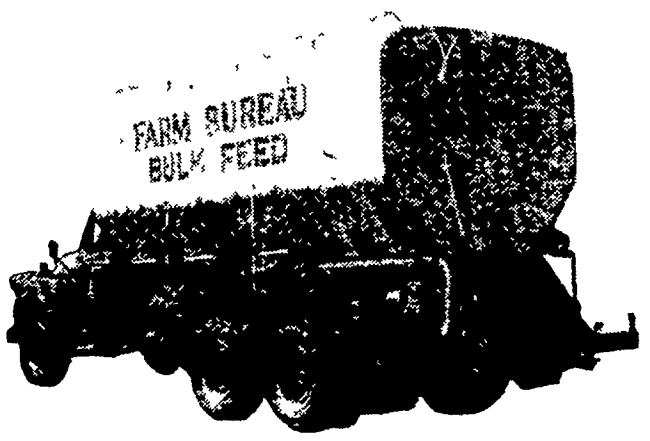

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